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At the Court at St. James's, December 13.

PRESENT,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day his Grace Henry Duke of Beaufort, was, by Her Majesty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day his Grace James Duke of Hamilton, was, by her Majesty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Grace the Duke of Hamilton also took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Grace being Lord-Lieutenant of the County-Palatine of Lancaster.

Copenhagen, December 1. *N. S.* All imaginable Precautions are taken against the Contagion which encreaseth every Day in Sweden, and has already reached Norkoping, Westerwick and Colmar. Particular Orders are given not to permit any Passengers to land that come from the Baltick, or to receive the Danish Prisoners, who, we suppose, are enlarged by the Swedes, on purpose to bring the Infection into this Country; for which reason his Majesty has sent the Count de Rantzau to Elsinore, with Instructions not to suffer any Person whatsoever to come thither from Schonen. We are fitting out some Frigats, in order to awe the Swedish Privateers, who have taken several of our Ships since the Departure of Vice-Admiral Barfus with the Squadron to Norway; and the Swedes having seiz'd some Vessels of Flensbourg that ought to have passed free by vertue of the Act of Neutrality, his Danish Majesty has order'd an Embargo, by way of Repriſal, to be laid on six Ships belonging to Stetin, threatning to Confiscate the Cargo, unless the Swedes release the Vessels above-mention'd. We hear the Swedish General Count Steenbock has been to visit the several Fortifications in Schonen, and is at present at Christianstadt, which Place he is providing with all things necessary for a vigorous Defence. We are told his Czarish Majesty has ordered twelve Regiments to be quartered this Winter in Livonia, that they may be in a readiness to March hither in the Spring; and that he is raising fifteen new Regiments, which are to consist of fifteen hundred Men each Regiment, and to be commanded by none but Livonian Officers. The Troops belonging to this Crown are separated, and gone into their Winter Quarters.

Cologne, December 5. *N. S.* The Baron de Godeneau is returned from Flanders, whither he was sent by the Chapter to treat with the Generals of the Allies about some Affairs relating to the Troops that are to be quartered this Winter in this Electorate. Since his return he hath given the Chapter an Account of his Commission, and is just now gone to receive the Palatine Troops on the Frontiers. Several Imperial Officers are gone through this Place, being appointed to raise Recruits in Germany, and buy Horses to remount the Cavalry against the next Campaign. They write from Vienna of the 29th of the last Month, that the Count de Vehlo, his Danish Majesty's Envoy to that Court, had at length been admitted to an Audience of the Emperor, in order to his return to Denmark. Tho' this Minister was in no degree acceptable to his Imperial Majesty, yet he presented him on this Occasion with his Picture set with Diamonds, and valued at four thousand Florins. These Letters add, that General Cusani had turn'd the Siege of the Castle of Erla in Hungary into a Blockade, and having left the Forces employ'd in it under the Command of the Baron de Wallis, was returned to Pest with the remainder of the Troops, which were marched into the Winter Quarters assign'd them in the Neighbourhood of that Place. Our Letters from Switzerland advise, that the Roman Catholick Cantons were assembled at Lucern, where it was expected the French Ambassador wou'd, in his Master's Name, demand a Levy of some new Troops, as well as Recruits for those already on Foot, having first paid the Customary Pensions. They are preparing a great Magazin at Berne, and endeavour to make the River Aar Navigable. The French King's Ordonnance for raising the Tenth Penny, was published at Strasbourg on the 26th of the last Month; the Nobility and Clergy are not exempted from this Imposition, and the Bishop and Chapter of Basil will be taxed for their Revenues in Alsace.

Hamburgh, December 9. *N. S.* The Ministers of Holstein have made their Reply to the Complaints of several Grievances given in on the part of Denmark, by that King's Vice-Stadtholder Monsieur d' Alefeld; whereupon the Ministers of the several Guarantees of the Treaty of Travendahl, have represented that the best and speediest way to put an end to these Disputes, will be to resume the Conferences here, and that his Danish Majesty should send his Commissaries hither again for that purpose, to assist in finishing this Negotiation, together with those from the Court of Holstein Gottorp, there being but very few Articles remaining to be adjusted, in order to bring the whole Treaty to a Conclusion at once. The King of Denmark has given Assurances to the Count Vander Nath, who is at his Court on the part of Holstein, that he intends to order his Ministers to return hither; but his Danish Majesty has not yet named any time for their going. The Minister from the King of Prussia has repeated several times to the Imperial Commission here, his Master's Resolution to withdraw half his Troops, in order to ease this Town of the heavy Expences they have so long lain under: And the Minister of the Elector of Hanover hath also given Assurances of the Intention of his Court to do the like; but as those of Sweden and Wolfenbuttel have not yet made such a Declaration on the part of their Masters, we are

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